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The CIA Goes After the Church Papers

The late Sen. Frank Church, who as chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence exposed CIA plots to overthrow Chilean President Salvador Allende and assassinate Cuban leader Fidel Castro, is continuing to cause problems for the CIA. Before he died last April, Church transferred all his official papers from Stanford University to Boise State University in his home state of Idaho. The CIA is anxious to see those papers, which include materials from both his Intelligence Committee and Foreign Relations Committee chairmanships. So on the agency's behalf, the Information Security Oversight Office of the General Services Administration asked university officials to hand over any sensitive documents. But the university balked. "They told us, 'Thanks, but no thanks,'" says Steven Garfinkel, director of the GSA office. Now the CIA and the Reagan administration are searching for another way to gain access to the papers.

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